

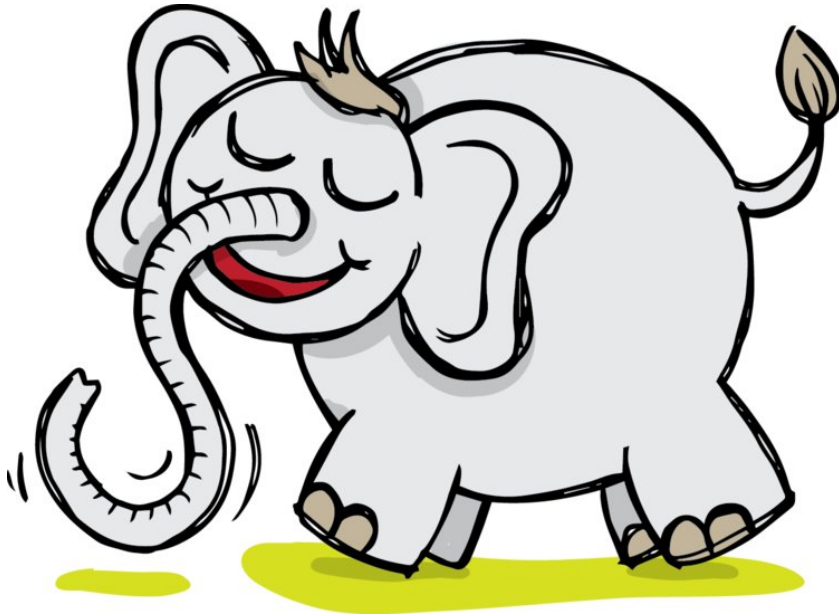
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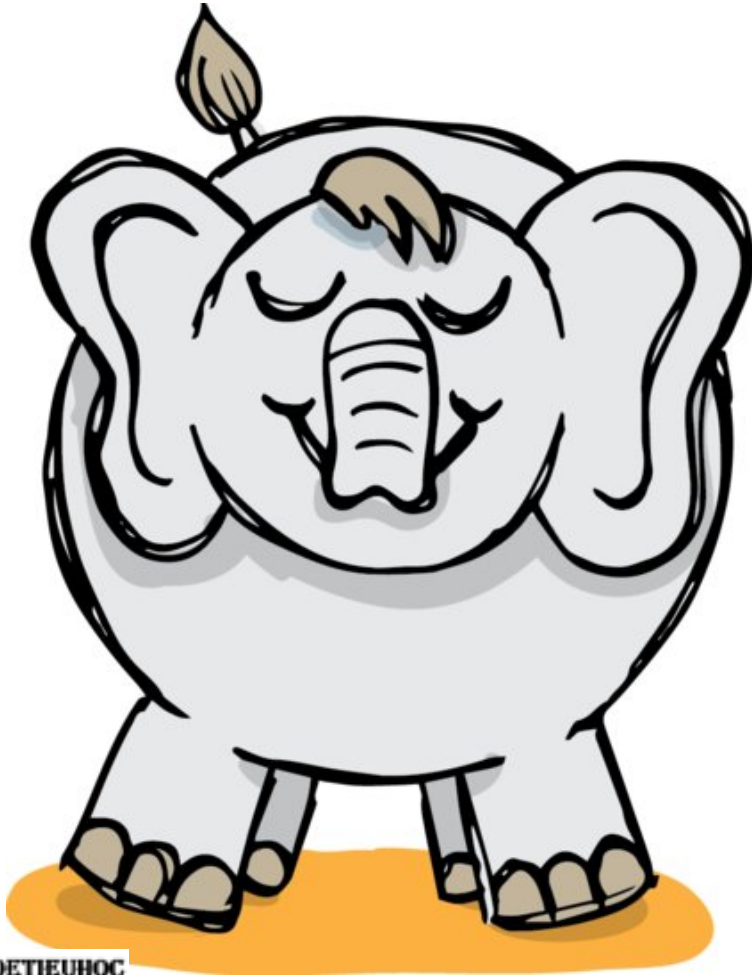
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Everyone knows
that elephants
have long noses.

But a long time ago, the elephant's nose was short and fat.

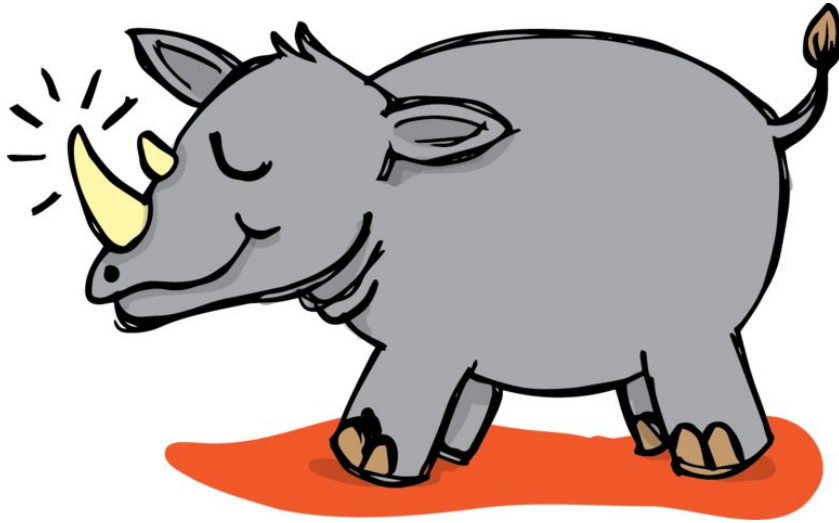




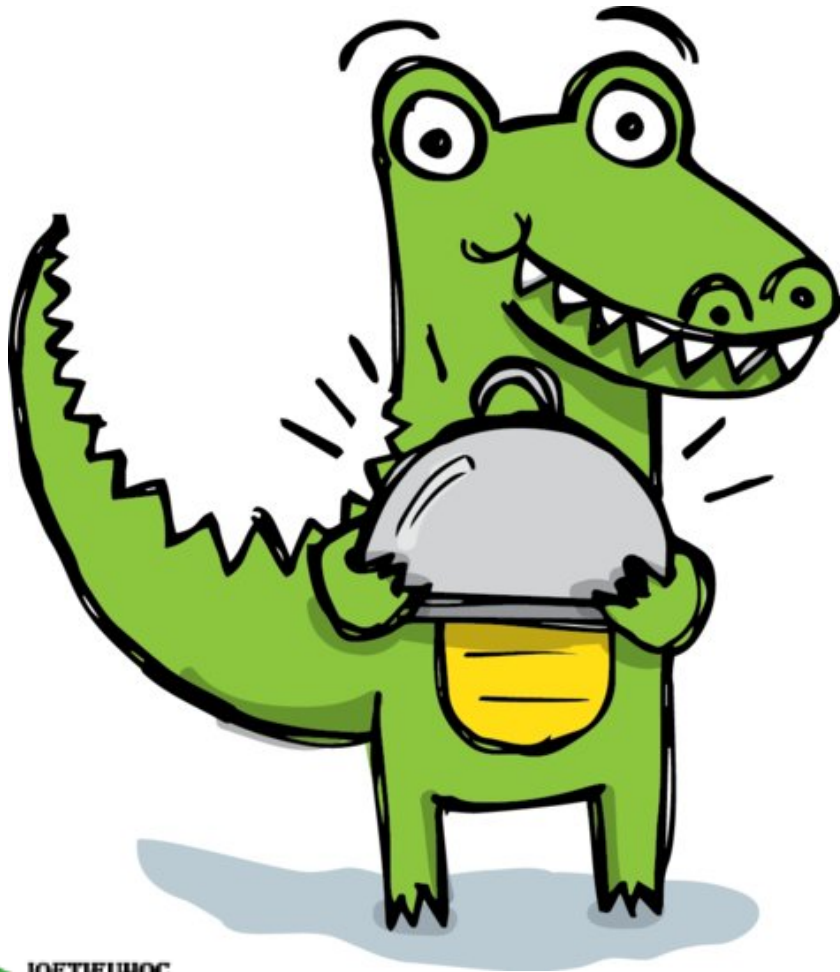
A baby elephant
was born. She was
very curious.
She had a question
for every animal.



She was curious
about Giraffe.
"Why do you have
a long neck?" she
asked.



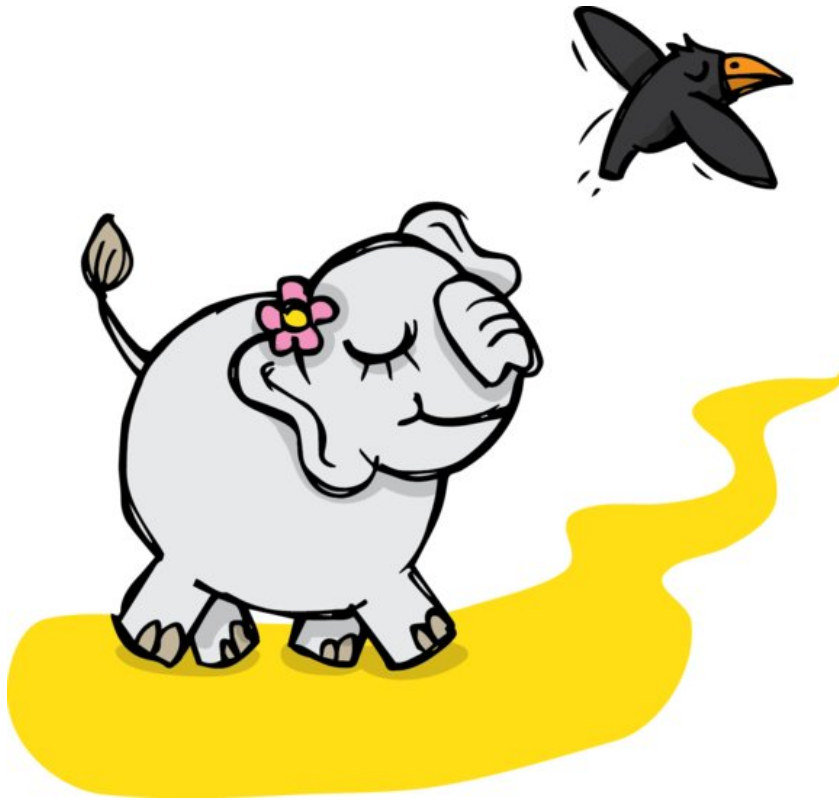
She was curious about Rhino.
"Why does your horn have a sharp point?" she asked.



She was very
curious about
Crocodile.
"What do
crocodiles eat for
dinner?" she asked.



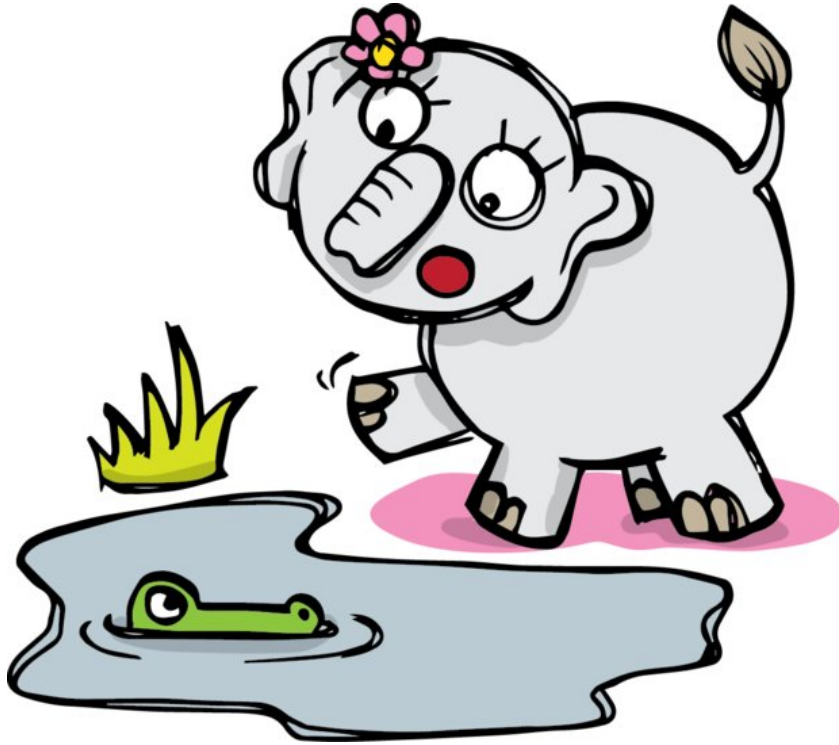
Clever Crow quickly said, "Follow me to the river. There you will see what crocodiles eat for dinner."



So Baby Elephant
followed Crow to
the river.



She pushed
through the reeds
and stood on the
bank.
She looked into the
water.
Where was
Crocodile?



"Hello," said a stone near the river bank.

"Hello," said Baby Elephant.

"Can you tell me what crocodiles eat for dinner?" she asked.



"Come closer and I will tell you," said the stone.
Baby Elephant bent down.

"Come closer," said the stone.
Baby Elephant bent down lower.



Suddenly! Snap!

Crocodile grabbed
Baby Elephant's
nose in his jaws.



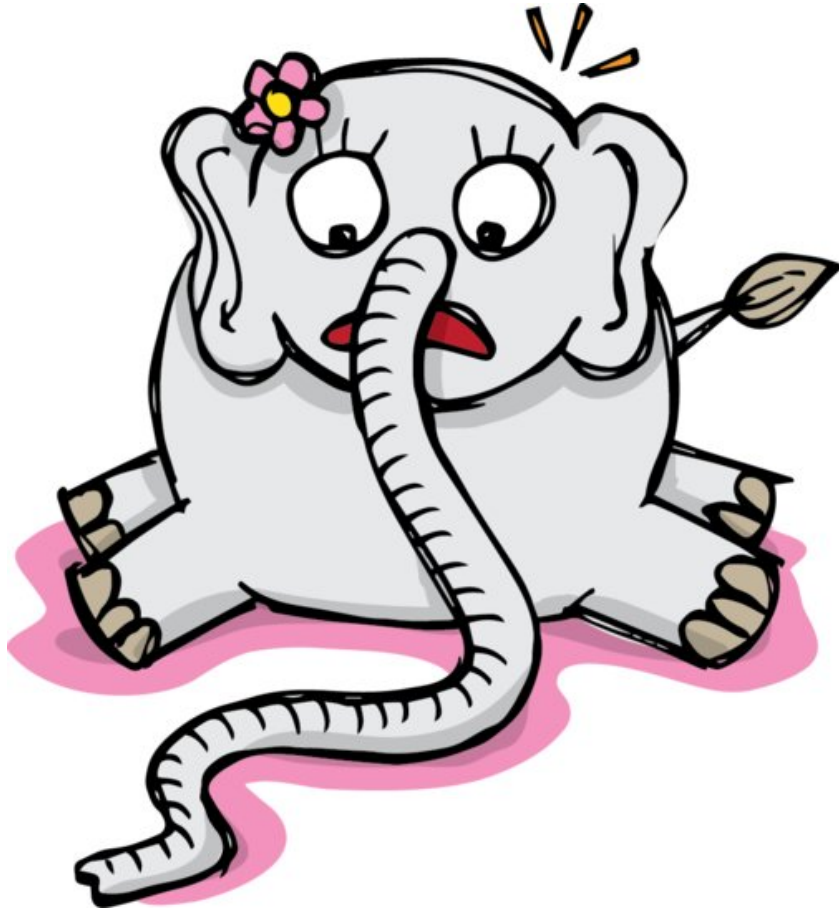
Baby Elephant sat
back on her strong
legs and pulled.
And pulled, and
pulled.

But Crocodile did
not let go of her
nose.

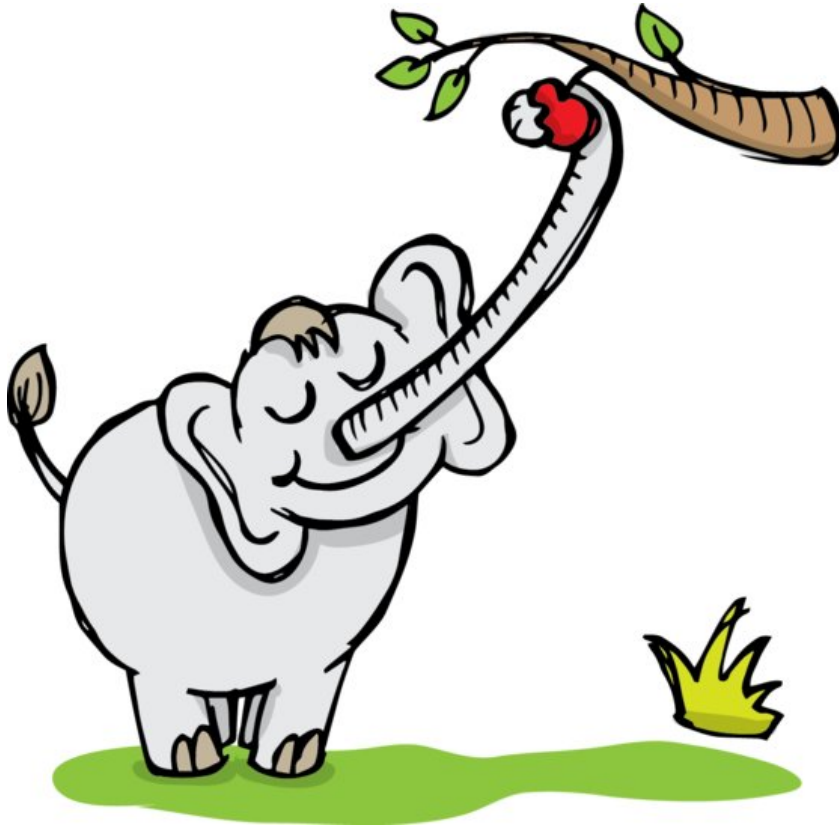


Baby Elephant's
nose stretched and
stretched.
And stretched.

Until she fell over.
"Dufff!!"



Baby Elephant's short nose had stretched into a long nose.



Her nose was so long she could pick fruit from high branches.

And to this day, all elephants have long and useful trunks.

Elephant's nose

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